

1. (Twice Amended) A process for manufacturing a composite sheet capable of elastic stretch and contract in one direction, said process including the steps of:

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(a) continuously feeding, in one direction, a first web capable of elastic stretch and contraction and having a top surface and a bottom surface;

(b) extending the first web in the one direction within a range that permits elastic stretch and contraction of the first web;

(c) allowing the extended first web to retract by an elastic contraction force of the web;

(d) continuously feeding at least one second web along the one direction;

(e) superimposing said at least one second web on at least one of said top surface and said bottom surface of the first web; and

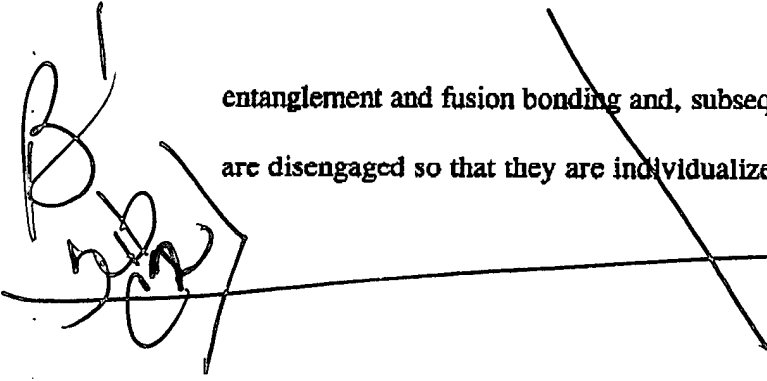
(f) joining the first and second webs in an intermittent manner along the one direction.

2. (Twice Amended) The process of Claim 1 further including, subsequent to the step (f) the following steps:

(i) a secondary extension step wherein the joined first and second webs are extended in the one direction within a range that permits elastic stretch and contraction of the first web; and

(ii) a secondary contraction step wherein the extended first and second webs are allowed to retract by action of an elastic contraction force of the first web.

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3. (Twice Amended) The process of Claim 2, wherein the thermoplastic synthetic fibers in said at least one second web are initially engaged with each other by at least one of mechanical

 entanglement and fusion bonding and, subsequently in the step (e) the thermoplastic synthetic fiber are disengaged so that they are individualized.